

## LOCAL NEWS.

**INCENDIARY.**—The alarm of fire last night was caused by an incendiary attempt to destroy the framed house on the west side of Patrick street, between King and Prince streets, adjoining on the north the residence of Mr. Columbus Bradley. The fire was discovered by Mr. Bradley's servant boy, who, while going to his bed room, saw the flames, just making their appearance on the roof of the back part of the building. After waking Mr. Bradley, he got on the roof and extinguished the flames speedily and without any difficulty before any damage had been occasioned and without making any alarm, but soon after they were extinguished an alarm was sounded in the lower part of the city and the fire department hastened to the scene. Upon an examination of the premises a large wall of toe, saturated with burning fluid and partially consumed, was found jammed under the eaves of the building, said to have been the cause of the flames. The building belonged to the late Col. Crockett, but was sold at a confidential sale during the war to Christopher Feige, and is occupied by Mrs. Sullivan.

**COLLINGWOOD HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION.**—An adjourned meeting of this association was held last evening in Washington. The Chronicle of that city says: The objects and plans proposed were the subjects of anxious inquiry and discussion. It was represented that many persons of rural tastes and inclinations were becoming interested in the proposed movement. The constitution as presented at a previous meeting was adopted, and a permanent organization effected by the election of the following named officers: President, W. H. Snowden; vice-president, Colonel Ed. Daniels; secretary, M. A. Tappan; treasurer, George Cowie; directors—Thomas L. Cairent, C. F. Wilkins, R. A. McMurry, William Hunter, A. Caldwell, George H. Wood, B. E. Hendrickson, W. E. Nelson, John Burnside. Surveyor and conveyancer, D. P. Smith.

After the election of officers the association agreed to adjourn to meet again at the call of the president, contemplating the arrangement at an early day of the present spring of a special steamboat excursion to Collingwood, to afford all persons interested an opportunity of viewing the fine situations there offered for suburban homes.

**Y. M. C. A.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was held last night, E. H. Hawkins, Vice-President, in the chair, and D. R. Staunton, Secretary.

The Executive Committee reported favorably on the applications of Wm. Jenkins, of the M. E. Church; Wm. Symcox, of the 2nd Presbyterian Church, and J. D. McKenney, of the M. P. Church, and they were duly elected members of the association.

The General Secretary and Corresponding Secretary submitted their reports.

The Recording Secretary was authorized to have printed 500 blank certificates of membership.

Reports of the various activities of the association were made by the respective committees, all very favorable and interesting.

After the transaction of some other unimportant business, the association adjourned with the usual religious exercises.

**POLICE REPORT.**—Affairs at police headquarters this morning were exceedingly quiet. The only case reported there since yesterday was that of Robert Patton, arrested for stealing rope from the canal boat of Captain William Alexander, who was held by Justice Padgett for further examination.

Henry Murray, Albert Thornton and Wm. Epperson, colored boys, for throwing stones on the streets and breaking window panes, near the intersection of Gibson and Lee streets, were locked up for examination.

A warrant was issued authorizing the search of a junk store for rope stolen from the canal boat of Captain Wm. Alexander.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of a woman in the 3rd Ward, charged with assaulting a colored woman named Louisa Addison.

**RAILROAD CELEBRATION.**—At the meeting of the directors of the Virginia Midland Railroad Company, held in this city last week, it was determined to celebrate the completion of the Danville Extension in an appropriate manner. A committee of directors was appointed to arrange the programme. The trials will be thrown open on that occasion for a "free ride" to all who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity; and there will probably be economies of some kind at the other end of the line.

The track laying has now crossed Cherry-stone run; and the work will be completed through to Danville by or before the 15th of April.

**RELEASED.**—Jesse Pollette, the over-seer, who was arrested in Washington, on Monday afternoon last, on the charge of taking \$5,000 from the firm of Colonel Daniels, who resides near Mount Vernon, Va., (full particulars of which were published in yesterday's Gazette), was yesterday released, after turning over to the owner all the money. Mr. Pollette indignantly denies that he intended to steal it, but found it while ploughing in a field, and supposing that he had struck a fortune, intended to go West. He is very anxious to have a trial but it is not probable that the Virginia authorities will take any action in the matter.

**SEMINARY CHAPEL.**—In noticing the ordination of Mr. E. A. Meade, in Grace Church in this city last Sunday, the Southern Churchman says:—"The Ordination service was held in Alexandria, because there is some apprehension that the late winds have weakened the roof of the Seminary chapel. An examination by a competent person will soon be made, as to whether it will be expedient to use the Chapel until it is repaired."

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY.**—The Knights of St. Patrick, in full uniform, and the Alexandria Catholic B'n'dict Society, in regalia, by their invitation, attended St. Mary's Church last night, where a very able and appropriate discourse on the examples of St. Patrick was preached, at their request, by the Rev. Wm. M. Sherrin, assistant pastor. The church was crowded.

**CANAL NEWS.**—Water is now on all the divisions of the C. & O. Canal, and will, it is understood, be let on the Alexandria canal during the current week. None of the coal companies will commence shipping coal from (unburned) however, much before the end of the month, though a load for the Gas Works of this city is expected here next week.

**CHAIN GANG.**—In close queue of the cloudy appearance of the weather to day, the chain gang was not taken out to work. As the time of service of all but one of the gang confined in the jail will expire to-morrow, and as but few bright, clear and warm days have elapsed since the present gang was organized, the city has not derived much benefit from its work.

**THE FISHERY.**—The lately prevailing unfavorable weather put back fishing operations so much that advantage could not be taken of the good weather of the last two days, and even if the seine haulers have been at work there has been no wind to bring what they have caught to market.

**BOUQUET.**—We return our thanks for the present of a bouquet of beautiful flowers, presented to us by a lady of Fairfax county—among them some handsome camellias.

## SHIP YARD.

## CITIZEN'S MEETING.

A large meeting of those favorable to the establishment of a ship yard in this city was held at Harmonic Hall last night, W. A. Sumner in the chair, and J. H. Reid, Secretary.

Mr. Robert Porter stated that Mr. James Green, actuated by a spirit of liberality and a desire to aid as far as he could in the development of every means for the general improvement of the city, had made a large deduction in the valuation of the property known as Hunter's Ship Yard, near the foot of Wilkes street, and had made a conditional sale of that property for \$10,000, the whole of which he would invest in the stock of a company to be formed for equipping and putting it in operation.

It was then determined that a company for that purpose be organized with a capital of \$50,000, the par value of the shares to be \$50, payable in monthly installments of \$5.

Mr. Porter, a practical ship builder, was introduced to the meeting and gave his views respecting the project, expressing himself as perfectly satisfied of the success of the measure as a financial investment. He stated that \$20,000 would erect the necessary buildings, purchase the required machinery, remove the present ways and lay down another extending much farther into the channel and put the yard in thorough and complete condition for business, and that the remaining \$30,000 would be for the working capital. He also exhibited plans and specifications of the requisite buildings and machinery.

Subscription lists were then ordered to be opened, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Strauss, Shinn, Porter, J. R. Sumner, Pullman, Richberg, Francis, Agnew, Lambert and Denny appointed to solicit additional subscriptions to the stock and to report at an adjourned meeting to be held at the same place at the call of the chairman.

The meeting then adjourned, a large amount of the stock having been subscribed for.

**MEETING AT THE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.**—After the transaction of the usual morning business at the Commercial Exchange, a business meeting of the members was called at 10 o'clock, Wm. A. Moore, esq., President, in the chair, and F. A. Reed, Secretary.

The President stated that he had called the meeting at the request of members of the Exchange who would state the object of the same.

Mr. G. O. R. Shinn stated that he had requested the President to convene the Exchange, as he desired to lay before the members the proceedings of a meeting of gentlemen held last night, with a view to the organization of a joint stock company for the equipment and operation of a marine railway in this city, and said that various efforts had been made from time to time since the war to put in operation such an enterprise, but for want of proper management, or other causes, these efforts had failed. It was now proposed to organize a company with a capital of \$50,000. The property termed as "Hunter's Ship Yard" had been conditionally purchased at a cost of \$10,000, and some \$15,000 to \$20,000 would be required to properly equip the yard, and when completed leave a cash working capital of \$20,000 to \$25,000. The par value of the shares of stock had been fixed at \$50 in order to allow mechanics and men of small means to take an interest in the enterprise. Some four hundred and fifty shares of stock had already been subscribed, and the members of the Commercial Exchange who had not taken stock were now asked to do so.

Mr. Shinn then stated the beneficial results which would accrue to the community by the establishment of a ship yard, asserting that the repairs to vessels trading to this port would of itself maintain the business, to say nothing of the ship building which, as a matter of course, would follow. He further stated that he knew gentlemen in the community who were prepared to take two-thirds of the stock, necessary to build a vessel here, which would cost \$20,000 to \$25,000, and urged the members of the Exchange to come forward and invest in the enterprise.

Mr. J. T. Beckham strongly advocated the propositions which had been submitted, and hoped every member would take some of the stock which was now offered. He believed the steamboat and steamship companies trading here would subscribe to the stock, which, he thought, would prove a paying investment.

Mr. F. A. Reed stated his observations as to the operations of ship yards at the north, and the large profits which were annually derived by their owners. The large number of vessels trading here required more or less repairs during the season, which would cause the expenditure of a considerable amount of money. He also said his observations had satisfied him that Alexandria was one of the best locations in the country for building vessels, the cost of timber here being about one half of what was paid for it at many northern ports where yards were successfully managed.

Mr. George Y. Worthington warmly advocated the fostering of this enterprise, and said unless we display more energy in the development of our resources and building up our business interests we were doomed to decay, as the close connections now made by the railroads and the facilities afforded commerce in other cities by superior advantages and accommodations which we possessed, but neglected, would in time rob us of our trade. If we desired to be prosperous we must display more energy. The ship building enterprise was a move in the right direction, and he hoped it would be successfully carried out.

Mr. Shinn said he had no interest in this enterprise beyond that of any member of the Exchange. He recognized the importance of vigorous energetic measures if we would build up our trade or preserve that which we already possessed. He had invested in this enterprise because he believed it would pay a handsome dividend on the stock, but if he knew he would never derive one dollar of interest on the money so invested he was thoroughly convinced the indirect benefits accruing from the investment would be amply remunerative to any business man, and, indeed, to every citizen. He said the estimate of experienced men was that a ship building interest of the size contemplated was equivalent to a population of 1,500 persons. It was proposed to establish an iron furnace which, he was informed, was equal to 5,000 population. If then we can increase our population some 6,000 or 7,000 every branch of trade would be benefited, new enterprises started, and a bright future would be open to us. All that was required was a little energy and a little money, and he hoped the gentlemen present would show their appreciation of this interest by subscribing to the stock.

A considerable amount of the stock was then subscribed for by the members present, and much interest was manifested. It is believed all the members of the Exchange will enter into this effort to establish a much needed and doubtless paying enterprise, and we hope soon to chronicle the entire success of the efforts of the gentlemen thus engaged in promoting the city's interest.

It is understood that about twenty-five thousand dollars worth of the stock has been subscribed for already.

**BUTTER.**—Cheese New York Butter in store and for sale by WM. F. BROOKES, 147 King street.

**ANOTHER LOT OF NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES** received and for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

**LIME, CEMENT AND CALCINED PLASTER,** of superior quality, for sale by B. F. PEAKE & CO.

**ONION SETS.**—Received to-day a lot of prime Silver Skin and Red Onion Sets, among them some handsome camellias.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.)

## FROM WASHINGTON.

## CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 18, 1874.

The Senate, to-day, after the reception of a number of memorials, took up the bill equalizing the National Bank circulation among the several States.

The House of Representatives was occupied with the Legislative Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill.

## The Boundary Commission.

RICHMOND, March 18.—The Legislature met in joint session at one o'clock to-day, in the hall of the House of Delegates, Lieutenant Governor Withers, President of the Senate, presiding.

Senator Finney, of Accotank, introduced the Commissioners appointed by the State of Maryland to visit Richmond in reference to the disputed boundary line between the two States.

The Lieutenant Governor welcomed the Commissioners in an appropriate speech, which was responded to by ex-Attorney General Jones, of Maryland, on behalf of the Commissioners.

He said that the cordiality with which they had been met had impressed them more than words could express, and in concluding his remarks presented the resolutions of the Maryland Legislature, which ask that in the event the boundary line proposed by Maryland should not be accepted by Virginia, that the whole subject be referred to ex-Attorney General Jeremiah Black, of Pennsylvania, for final arbitration, the Davidson-Lovett line, and agreement to continue in force in the mean while.

During the proceedings the galleries were crowded and a number of ladies occupied seats upon the floor of the House.

The Commissioners will be hospitably entertained during their sojourn by the citizens as well as by the State authorities.

## From New York.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Frederick A. Bailey, principal book-keeper of Bodeau, Lockwood & Co., importers and wholesale dealers in fruit, is a defaulter and has absconded. The amount of the defalcation, it is thought, will reach \$100,000. Pending an investigation of the books, Bodeau, Lockwood & Co. have deemed it prudent to suspend. The firm claims to be solvent.

The German saloon keepers of the Seventh, Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards held meetings yesterday to complete their protective association.

A. Garnier, in answer to the challenge of Rudolph, says he will play in New York a game of three ball, French Carom, 500 points up, for \$1,000 a side, with 25 balls on a five by ten table, came to take place three weeks after his match with Maurice Daley, for the championship of the world.

A fire at West New Brighton, Staten Island last night, destroyed the Neptune boat club house, and several buildings adjoining. Loss \$25,000.

## The Temperance Movement.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—The Germans had an immense meeting last night over the Rhine at Turner Hall to take measures to resist the temperance movement. The hall was crowded and hundreds of persons had to go away. Speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Kneel, Rev. Mr. Eusebius, Rabbi Wise, Emil Roth and Herman Eckel, severally denouncing the woman's movement, and some of the speakers counselled resistance to it. The following resolutions were presented and referred to the committee to report at the next meeting: That it is the duty of all citizens to see that their fellow citizens are protected in their vocations, and also the duty of the State to protect its citizens against interference with their business; that it is contrary to the spirit of liberty and justice for women, in the name of religion, to interfere with the rights and liberties of citizens; that the motive of this movement is to reopen the hatred between natives and foreigners, and that men are using women as instruments for this purpose. The proceedings were in German and the meeting continued until a late hour.

## Damaged by Rain.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 18.—The rain in Middle Alabama has ceased. The Alabama river is very high and out of its banks in many places. All the creeks and streams are greatly swollen. Travel to Mobile is stopped by reason of washes on the railroad track and damage to some bridges. No trains have gone out to-day on the track to Atlanta, part of the track being under water. Trains to Euclid will not run for a day or two. All trains on the Montgomery and Louisville Railroad have been on time and no damage is reported. The freshet is too early to injure the planters, as very little of the crop has been planted.

**St. Patrick's Day—Threatened Riot.** SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—St. Patrick's day was celebrated in this city by a grand civic and military display and literary exercises at the California theater. Good order prevailed all day. The day was appropriately celebrated in all the principal towns and cities on the Pacific coast.

A serious riot was threatened at Honolulu when the election of Kalkakua was made known. The mob attacked the court house, but the men from the United States steamer Tycosora and other vessels landed and quiet was soon restored. No bloodshed is reported.

## Hurricane.

CAIRO, ILL., March 18.—A terrific hurricane, accompanied by thunder, lightning and rain, passed over this city at three o'clock this morning, causing considerable destruction to property. The centre of the storm seems to have passed south of Cairo. The wires work as usual north and no damages are reported from that direction. No loss of life is reported.

## Mr. Sumner's Successor.

BOSTON, March 18.—The contest for Sumner's successor is narrowing. The principal candidates are now conceded to be Dawes, Adams, Hoar and Banks. It is thought the Democrats, who have 75 votes out of 250, will unite on a Liberal Republican.

## King of the Sandwich Islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—The steamship Mikado, bringing the intelligence from Honolulu that Prince Kalkakua has been elected King of the Sandwich Islands to succeed Lunalilo. The elections were quiet.

## Memorial Services.

BUFFALO, March 18.—The colored people held memorial services last night in honor of Charles Sumner.

## The Centennial.

HARRISBURG, March 18.—The Senate Centennial bill passed a first reading in the House by 52 to 34.

## Death of an Astronomer.

BERLIN, March 18.—Joachim Heinrich Madler, the distinguished German astronomer, is dead. He was 79 years old.

## Postponed.

ALBANY, March 18.—The trial of Phelps, the defaulting cashier of the State Treasurer's office, has been postponed till May.

## Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, March 18, 11 a. m. For the Southern States, southeasterly and southwesterly winds, stationary temperature, partly cloudy weather, clearing in the south-eastern portion. For the Middle States, light variable northeasterly to southerly winds, falling barometer temperature but slightly changing, foggy and partly cloudy weather, clearing temporarily in the afternoon.

## The Markets.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Stocks dull and weak. Money 3. Gold 115. Flour dull and declining. Wheat quiet and heavy. Corn dull and heavy. BALTIMORE, March 18.—Virginia sizes, consolidated, 51; West Virginia 11. Cotton firm; low middlings 15 1/2. Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn weaker; white Southern 78 1/2; yellow Southern 78 1/2; mixed Western 78 1/2. Oats firm; Southern 38 1/2; Western 38 1/2. Rye firm at 90 1/2. Hay dull and unchanged. Provisions a shade firmer and quiet.

## LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Among those whose names are spoken of in connection with the Sheriff's office of the county, made vacant by the resignation of the late colored incumbent are, Messrs. Corbett, Roach and Wright. Mr. James Roach, it is thought, will probably get the office.

The transfer of cars between the Virginia Midland and the East Alexandria railroads, via the ferry at this city, continues to be witnessed by many. The ferry ship, the tunnel and Windmill Hill were crowded yesterday afternoon by spectators.

At St. Mary's Church, last Sunday, the pastor stated that fully eight hundred persons received the Holy Communion during the late Massion.

At a banquet given by the Knights of St. Patrick in Baltimore last night, Col. William Kilegar of this city responded to the toast, Robert Emmet.

The old shanties in the market square, occupied by the cooks, were torn down and removed to-day, and the appearance of the square improved thereby.

Mr. Willis Henderson is extremely ill at his residence a few miles below this city. Mr. Thomas Cross whose legs were amputated by a late railroad accident, continues to improve.

A large drove of horses from southwest Virginia and Tennessee, some of them very fine animals, arrived at West End last night.

The gas lamps on the southern extremity of Lee street are extinguished now soon after ten o'clock—the time when they are most needed.

A heavy fog prevailed on the river this morning, but so few vessels were afloat that navigation was not obstructed.

A race to-day between the tug boats Potomac and Mary Lewis from Washington to this city, was won by the former.

The machinery in the Pioneer Mill is to be attached for the taxes now due on that property.

The weather to-day after the mist of last night, was warm and Spring-like.

**THE WALLACE SISTERS.**—The Wallace Sisters, with their Burlesque and Comedy Troupe, will give an entertainment at Sarepta Hall in this city next Tuesday night. The newspapers of the cities in which they have exhibited, speak in the highest terms of their performances.

**OYSTERS.**—The scarcity of oysters which has existed here since last week still continues though some of the dealers managed to get partially supplied yesterday from a boat that was bound to Washington, but was hailed and brought to at Fishtown, where her cargo was rapidly disposed of.

Governor Beveridge has banished cards and dancing from the executive mansion of Illinois, in response to the "demands" of the Methodist brethren.

## I. Schwartz &amp; Co.

Having just returned from New York, have now at their store, 89 KING STREET, the finest and best selected stock of

## SPRING CLOTHING,

for men and youth's wear, ever before brought to this market, and are selling them wonderfully cheap.

Among them they offer good business suits for \$8.00.

Their assortment of new style HATS is at present the best in the city.

Your inspection is solicited at

## SAREPTA CLOTHING HALL,

mh 12 89 King street.

## Special Notice!

We have a fine stock of BOY'S, YOUTH'S AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS of superior quality, which will be sold at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES, in order to reduce stock. All in want will find it to their interest to examine our stock before purchasing.

## W. B. WADDEY,

dec 10 74 King street.

We have just received a very fine assortment of GENTS' FINE TOILET SLIPPERS, suitable for holiday presents.

## WADDEY'S,

dec 11 74 King street.

**Ladies' Misses' and Children's Boots, Shoes and Slippers.**

We are this day receiving a full line of Ladies' Misses' and Children's Boots, Shoes and Slippers, suitable for Fall and Winter, embracing all of the latest styles, which we confidently believe to be the very best stock. We solicit purchasers to call and examine for themselves, as they will be sold at low prices.

## W. B. WADDEY,

out 2 74 King st.

## Special Notice.

**GENTS' EXTRA FINE BOOTS & SHOES.**

We have just received a fresh supply of Gents' extra fine, hand-sewed Boots and Shoes, and Slippers of every description, which we are confidently recommending to be the very best on sale in the city.

## W. B. WADDEY,

out 2 74 King street.

**WISKS! WISKS! WISKS!**—A prime lot for sale by

## C. S. TAYLOR, JR.,

feb 19 No. 6 Prince street.

**SHIRTINGS.**—Light-colored and Cheviot styles—just received at

## PRETZELER &amp; BENDHEIM'S,

jan 24 Popular Dry Goods Store.

**BRATTS ASTRAL OIL.**—far superior to Kerosene, and perfectly safe. We have just received another supply. Price again reduced.

## E. S. LEADBEATER &amp; BRO.

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**COAL OIL.** AT TWENTY CENTS PER GALLON

## J. T. CREIGHTON &amp; SON.

jan 19 ENTWISLE'S CHINA STORE.

**RUSE HILL VINEGAR.** This celebrated brand of Pure Old Vinegar in store and for sale at 147 King street.

## WM. F. BROOKES.

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**NEW YORK CLUB** and other SKATES at 88 King street, corner Royal. Selling off at reduced prices. Call and examine.

## J. T. CREIGHTON &amp; SON.

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**"JOY TO THE WORLD."**

37 BOXES BAKER'S celebrated brand of CHEWING TOBACCO for sale by

## HOOE &amp; JOHNSTON.

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W. B. WADDEY,

Has in store and is daily receiving fresh from the manufacturers one of the LARGEST, BEST and MOST COMPLETE STOCKS of

BOOTS AND SHOES,

Ever offered in this city. Having bought principally for cash, he can offer SUPERIOR INDUCEMENTS to cash buyers and prompt men. All orders have his personal supervision, carefully filled and satisfaction guaranteed.

W. B. WADDEY,

74 King street, Alexandria, Va.

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IMPORTANT TO FARMERS!  
ONLY \$40 A TON.

GUANAHANI, AN IMPORTED NATURAL GUANO!

A GENUINE ANIMAL DEPOSIT.

Imported only by the

GUANAHANI GUANO COMPANY, PETERSBURG, VA.

(The Company guarantees that every cargo will be analyzed before it is offered for sale.)

[Letter of Professor P. B. Wilson, late Assistant of Baron J. Von Liebig.]

CHEMICAL LABORATORY OF PROF. P. B. WILSON, No. 3 Second street, Baltimore, December 31, 1873.

Maj. N. M. TANNOR, President Guanahani Guano Co., Petersburg, Va.

Dear Sir: I have drawn samples of the Guano, as it has arrived in cargo lots, and find it exceedingly uniform in the amount of Phosphoric Acid it contains, namely, from 15 to 19 per cent. This is combined with Lime, and is of Animal Origin, and readily assimilable by plants. It contains potential Ammonia and Nitric Acid, having a combined Nitrogen value equal to from 2 to 3 per cent of Ammonia, with the alkalies Potash and Soda, and valuable proportions of Sulphate of Lime. The whole forming a very desirable combination for all crops, and when applied to land, the crop receiving proper tillage, must, in my opinion, give as good results as any Guano offered to the farmer.

Being of Animal Origin, the organic matter has undergone partial decomposition, and it necessarily contains a valuable amount of HUMUS, which makes its fertilizing power much greater than fertilizers which are compounded largely of Peruvian Guano, which, beyond its Ammonia and small phosphoric value, has little or no power in absorbing from the atmosphere and retaining in the soil the movable elements absorbed by moisture and brought down by the rains, as the Guano you are now placing upon the market. All of the components of this Guano are very soluble in the soil, and possess such physical properties as to render it at all times and under all circumstances as immediately available plant food.

The late samples you sent me for analysis, from the deposit which you inform me you intend to ship from, show a decrease in alkaloidal value, but a large increase in its Nitrogen compounds. I think, however, from previous observations of cargoes, that you may reasonably expect, that cargoes taken from where these samples were drawn, will materially improve in the saline compounds, (Phosphates, Alkalies and Magnesia.)

Respectfully, &c., P. B. WILSON, Analytical and Consulting Chemist.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, West Philadelphia, Dec. 19, 1873.

Dear Sir: In compliance with your request, I have analyzed a sample of "Guanahani Guano" and have made additional examination of an average sample from a lot of 300 tons, the result of which I beg to embrace in the following: The Guano is a brownish powder, with lumps of combinations of Lime with Carbonic, Phosphoric and Nitric Acids. It contains a considerable quantity of water, (